

MINISTERS SAFE ON JULY FOURTH

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ANOTHER RAY OF HOPE

Consuls at Shanghai Believe That the Peking Legations May Be Able to Hold Out for Some Time Yet—A Rumor to the Effect That Royal Troops, Under Prince Ching, Have Attacked the Rebels in Peking.

London, July 8.—The consuls at Shanghai report that the Peking legations were safe on July 4, and that the Chinese had ceased their attacks. The only fear felt at that time, according to the reports of the consuls, was regarding the food supplies.

Paris, July 8.—A dispatch from Shanghai received here says that, according to a high Chinese official, the two legations which were still holding out on July 2 were the object of incessant attacks. There had been some losses among the troops guarding the legations, but the diplomatists were safe.

London, July 8.—A dispatch from Tien-Tsin, dated July 3, says: "Since early morning the Chinese have heavily bombarded the settlements. Admiral Seymour has ordered the women and children conveyed to Taku at the earliest possible moment."

Paris, July 8.—It is announced that General Dods, the hero of the Dahomey campaign, has been appointed to the command of the French expedition to China.

Berlin, July 8.—A dispatch from Tien-Tsin says the Russians unsuccessfully bombarded the native town on July 2. The strength of the allied troops is about 10,000.

There is no fresh news regarding the situation in Peking.

Fought the Boxers to a Standstill. London, July 8, 2.45 a. m.—The foreign consuls at Shanghai met on July 7 and officially announced that the legations at Peking were safe on July 4.

The Shanghai correspondent of the Express, telegraphing on Sunday at 5.10 p. m., however, throws doubt upon Consul Warren's information. He says: "Tao-Tai-Sheng now admits there was an error in his communication to General Warren. The date of the courier's arrival at Chien-Pu was July 3, which does not apply to his departure from Peking. The journey from Peking to Chien-Pu occupies five days. The courier, therefore, could not have left Peking later than June 25. The date of the massacre there, as given by Chinese reports, was June 20 or July 1."

Russians Land at Taku. A Chefoo dispatch to the Express says the Russians have landed 5,000 men at Taku and the Japanese have discharged several transports. The Japanese pushed on Tien Tsin, leading in the subsequent assault upon the native city, in which their commander was killed. Ten more transports are engaged at Japanese ports. With the 10,000 British India troops afloat and fresh Japanese contingents it is quite probable that the allies will be 50,000 men ashore.

The disorders in the provinces appear to be increasing in violence. A Chinese army is within 40 miles of New Chang and the foreigners are preparing to abandon their homes. The southern part of the province is swept by raiders, destroying all works of the white men except in spots harbored by Russians. Proclamations have been posted in all villages near Chefoo calling upon the loyal Chinese to rise and

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